

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 401 - SB 484

March 15, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes the School Safety Technology Fund as a special account in the General Fund to provide local education agencies (LEAs) with the funding necessary for the purchase of a technology platform designed to assist the LEA's schools in performing routine checks of school building doors to ensure that the doors are locked. Require the Department of Finance and Administration to administer the fund. Requires moneys deposited into the fund to not revert to the general fund at the end of a fiscal year, but to be carried forward until expended in accordance with this section.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue –

\$4,465,500/FY23-24/School Safety Technology Fund

\$3,780,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/School Safety Technology Fund

Increase State Expenditures –

\$4,465,500/FY23-24/General Fund

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Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation is not referencing a security alarm system, physical door lock mechanisms, or ID badge access systems when defining “technology platform”.
- A technology platform being used in White County Schools involves the installation of quarter-sized location tags on or near doorways and the use of a mobile device to physically touch the location tags to provide proof and real-time documentation that staff members are conducting periodic door lock checks.
- Based on survey responses from 137 out of 147 school districts in October 2022, there are over 48,490 exterior doors and over 69,314 interior classroom doors within Tennessee public schools. It is assumed that location tags will only be installed on exterior doors.
- White County Schools estimated the technology platform costs as follows:
 - \$300 for software licensing fees;
 - \$3 for location tag fees; and
 - \$2,100 annual service costs.

- There are approximately 1,800 public schools in Tennessee.
- The increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$4,465,470 $[(\$300 \times 1,800) + (\$3 \times 48,490) + (\$2,100 \times 1,800)]$ in FY23-24 and \$3,780,000 $(\$2,100 \times 1,800)$ in FY24-25 and subsequent years.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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